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Date Filed: June 14, 2000
Application Title: Probes, Probe Sets, Methods And Kits Pertaining To The
Detection, Identification And/Or Enumeration Of Yeast;
Particularly In Wine
Applicants: Hyldig-Nielsen et al.
Group Art Unit: 1634
Examiner: Carla J. Myers
Action Date: July 17, 2002
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